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Vehicle Pursuit Ends in Arrest

Deputies Fast Actions Saves Lives

FREDERICK, Md. (Nov. 24, 2020) – What started with a report of a stolen vehicle in Montgomery County, Maryland, carried into Frederick County with a vehicle pursuit and ended with the successful arrest of Rhashad Johnson, age 21, of Frederick.

At approximately 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 23, Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) deputies responded to a stolen vehicle pursuit on Ballenger Creek Pike. After several successful stop stick deployments, the vehicle crashed at the intersection of Cap Stine Road and Ballenger Creek Pike. There were no injuries reported, including from the suspect, in the vehicle incident.

After getting a thorough description of the stolen vehicle, deputies quickly located it at a local WaWa, where they attempted to talk with Johnson. He fled the scene in the stolen vehicle leading the deputies in a pursuit. Keeping the public's safety at the forefront of this incident, the deputies used the stop sticks wherever they could and eventually were successful in stopping Johnson before he could cause any harm. A stop stick is a device used by law enforcement to impede or stop the movement of wheeled vehicles by puncturing their tires.

FCSO deputies successfully recovered the stolen vehicle and transported Johnson to the Frederick County Adult Detention Center.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is a full-service law enforcement agency; an arm of the court, and a keeper of offenders. In this regard, it exists to serve the more than 250,000 citizens of Frederick County with respect, fairness, and compassion. FCSO is committed to the prevention of crime; the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace and order; the enforcement of laws and ordinances; the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees; and safekeeping of prisoners. The men, women, and officers of this office nurture public trust by holding themselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. The FCSO is located at 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick, MD, 21701. Visit www.frederickcosherriff.com for more information.

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